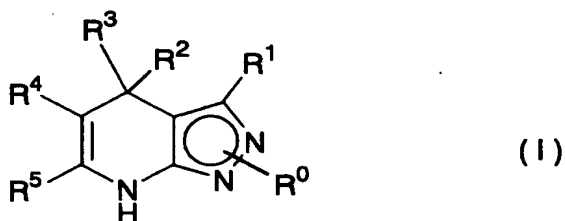


# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention provides dihydropyrazolopyridine compounds represented by the formula (I):



5 wherein each symbol is as defined in the specification,  
optically active forms thereof, and pharmaceutically  
acceptable salts thereof and hydrates thereof. The compounds  
of the present invention show a selective and strong  
inhibitory activity on glycogen synthase kinase-3 beta (GSK-3 $\beta$ ),  
10 and are useful as medicaments for prevention and/or treatment  
of diabetes, diabetic complications and neurodegenerative  
diseases or as immunopotentiators.